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SUBJECT: GENERAL KHOURY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD SENDING TROOPS
SOUTH

1. CAPTAIN NEHME AT THE LEBANESE EMBASSY REPORTS THAT HE
SPOKE TO GENERAL KHOURY BY PHONE EARLIER TODAY AND URGED
HIM TO ANNOUNCE PUBLICLY THAT UNITS OF THE ARMY WOULD BE
READY TO MOVE SOUTH TO TAKE PART IN A PEACEKEEPING OPERA-
TION IF ORDERED TO DO SO. NEHME SAYS KHOURY'S REACTION
WAS THAT HE WOULD THINK ABOUT IT.

2. WE GAVE NEHME THE FOLLOWING FROM AMBASSADOR DINITZ'S
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COMMENTS ON THE LEBANESE ARMY IN AN INTERVIEW THIS MORNING
ON THE TODAY PROGRAM (AND HE CABLED THIS TO KHOURY):

Q: FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER SUGGESTED THAT
PERHAPS A LEBANESE ARMY FORCE IN THAT BUFFER ZONE WOULD BE
SUFFICIENT. WOULD THAT BE SUFFICIENT?

DINITZ: I WOULD IMAGINE THAT THAT WOULD BE BASICALLY
WHAT WE ARE AIMING AT. WE BELIEVE IN LEBANON FOR THE
LEBANESE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE TRUE INDEPENDENCE OF
LEBANON CAN BE ASSURED WHEN THE CHAOS THAT PREVAILED THERE
WOULD DISAPPEAR AND INSTEAD THERE WILL BE A REGULAR

LEBANESE FORCE AND LEBANESE AUTHORITY THAT WILL BE ABLE
TO SEE TO IT THAT IT IS NOT AN AREA FOR FATAH AND FOR
PLO OPERATIONS. VANCE

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